

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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career of James "Doc" Counsilman.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the life and career of James "Doc" Counsilman.

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman served as swim coach at Indiana University from 1957 until 1991; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman lead the Indiana University Swim team to a 230-11 dual-meet record, which included 140 consecutive victories; and

Whereas, under his leadership the Indiana University swimteam won twenty consecutive Big Ten titles and six NCAA crowns; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman was given his nickname "Doc" because of his doctorate degree earned from the University of Iowa, in addition he earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor's degree from Ohio State; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman guided United States Olympic men's swimming teams in 1964 and 1976 where twelve out of thirteen of his swimmers won their events; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman was a key influence to Mark Spitz, winner of seven gold medals at the 1972 Olympics; and

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Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman coached swimmers who won a total of forty-six Olympic medals including twenty-six gold medals; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman was voted among the twenty-five most influential people in the history of USA Swimming; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman was honored by the formation of the Counsilman Center for the Science of Swimming in Bloomington; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman was the author of several books, including "The Science of Swimming"; and

Whereas, in 1979 James "Doc" Counsilman became the then oldest person, at that time, to swim the English Channel, swimming the 20.6 miles in thirteen hours and seventeen minutes; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman became the oldest person, at that time, to swim from Alcatraz to San Francisco in fifty-four minutes in fifty-four degree water; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman served his country valiantly in World War II completing thirty-two flying missions; and

Whereas, James "Doc" Counsilman passed away in Bloomington on January 4, 2004.



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly  
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes  
2           and honors the life and career of James "Doc" Counsilman and his  
3           many contributions to the state of Indiana, Indiana University, and  
4           the United States.

5           SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy  
6           of this resolution to Marjorie Counsilman.

